

Rwanda

INVESTMENT SUMMARY



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Overview: Current country program established in 2005. Focus is on grassroots organizations, cooperatives, and limited liability companies with strong backwards linkages. USADF currently manages a portfolio of **20 projects**, and **one Cooperative Agreement**. Total commitment is **\$3.9 million**.



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Gahaya Links Sarl 2182-RWA	2010-2015	\$249,200	Manufacturing (Decorative Home Accessories): Gahaya Links works with more than 4,000 predominantly women artisans in 50 cooperatives and associations throughout Rwanda. Gahaya Links helps these artisans develop a variety of new products and build relationships with international corporations. USADF assistance provides working capital as well as funds for the construction of a home textile production line facility, and acquire better equipment, such as new sewing machines and a van.
Ituze Cooperative 2120-RWA	2010-2015	\$164,000	Agro-Processing (Cassava): Ituze, a cassava farming cooperative with 205 members, is located in the Kamanyi District, Southern Province of Rwanda. Project funding is used to improve drying facilities, install a water harvesting system, and construct a waste disposal system, as well as provide training on improved agricultural practices, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, and food safety.
Coopérative des Theiculteurs de Nyaruguru (COOTHENYA) 2219-RWA	2010-2015	\$223,800	Agricultural Production (Tea): COOTHENYA is a tea growers' cooperative located southern Rwanda. The cooperative helps members grow tea, maintain their tea plantations, and collectively market green leaf tea. USADF assistance helps the group rehabilitate unused plantations, improve its infrastructure, establish a modern tea nursery, transport tea to market, improve its financial management capacity, and improve technical capacity of its members.
Coopérative Theicole de Ramba Gaseke et Giciye (COTRAGAGI) 2195-RWA	2010-2015	\$242,300	Agricultural Production (Tea): COTRAGAGI is a tea growers' cooperative located in western Rwanda. Cooperative members are able to produce high quality green leaf tea and also have the potential to increase tea production acreage. USADF assistance is used to address production constraints included poor infrastructure, inadequate working capital, and inadequate transport in the supply chain.
Coopérative Dufashabacu 2413-RWA	2011-2014	\$138,500	Manufacturing (Cement Construction Materials): Dufashabacu is a cooperative that produces cement construction materials. A majority of the group's 63 members are women living with HIV/AIDS. Grant funds are used to buy a cement block-making machine, a computer and software, and furnish an office space.
Coopérative Abanyamurava 2365-RWA	2011-2015	\$138,100	Agricultural Production (Mushrooms): Abanyamurava is a mushroom growers' cooperative in Musanze District in northern Rwanda. The cooperative produces inoculated substrate tubes that are sold to mushroom farmers who then sell fresh mushrooms. The cooperative will embark on a new product line of dried mushrooms. Funds are used to provide processing and drying equipment, training in modern drying techniques, and food safety, as well as hiring a marketing consultant and creating a marketing plan.
Agasaro Cooperative 2555-RWA	2011-2015	\$228,000	Agro Processing (Pineapple Juice): Agasaro is a pineapple growing cooperative with 700 active members that is increasing profits by producing juice. The group uses USADF grant funds to increase production through improved machinery, better transportation and laboratory equipment.
Koperative Y'Abahinzi B'Icyayi Ba Mudasomwa (KOBACYAMU) 2479-RWA	2011-2016	\$241,300	Agricultural Production (Tea): Kobacyamu is a tea cooperative with almost 5,000 members in the Nyamagabe District. Sixty percent of the members own less than .05 hectares of land. This project provides a nursery and seedlings to farmers. Improved transportation will help the factory produce higher quality products.

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COOPRIKI-Cyunuzi 2605-RWA	2012-2016	\$244,700	Agricultural Production (Rice): COOPRIKI is a rice cooperative with 2,856 members in the Kirehe District of the Eastern Province. The government is building a new rice processing factory and has given the group 618 hectares of rehabilitated marshland for rice production. USADF funds help COOPRIKI expand production by contributing drying yards, transportation, and working capital for purchase funds.
Koperative Iharanira Amajyambere y'Icyaro (KIAI) 2649-RWA	2012-2016	\$155,500	Agricultural Production (Cassava): KIAI is a cassava cooperative in the Gatsibo District with 209 members of whom approximately half are women. The group currently has a factory but can expand and enhance its production through additional drying yard, drainage troughs, and improved grinder. The grant will also focus on capacity building and marketing strategies.
Koperative Twitezimbere Kagenge (KOTKA) 2801-RWA	2012-2017	\$181,900	Agricultural Production (Cassava) : KOTKA is a cassava cooperative in the Bugesera District with 521 members. The group is a part of the Millennium Village Project and now has a factory to process cassava flour. This grant focuses on expansion of production by increasing the number of drying yards, creating a purchase fund, and acquiring a truck for transportation.
Coopérative pour la Promotion de Pêche et des Activités de Vente d'Isambaza (COOPPAVI) 2847-RWA	2013-2017	\$143,900	Processing (Fish): COOPPAVI is a fishing cooperative of 43 members, a majority of whom are women, located in Rubavu District along Lake Kivu. The group catches and sells fresh isambanza fish but is now expanding to sell dried fish and fish flour. USADF funds will help COOPRIKI expand its production by contributing a factory, processing machines, transportation, and working capital for purchase funds.
Union des Coopératives des Apiculteurs de Gishwati (UNICOAPIGI) 2876-RWA	2013-2017	\$158,500	Processing (Honey): UNICOAPIGI is a union of honey producers with 625 members in Rubavu District. The Union has organized its members to focus on honey as a n income generating activity, not just a hobby anymore. The group is expanding its production of high quality honey. UNICOAPIGI will use this grant to build a factory, acquire transportation, and create a purchase fund.
Coopérative des Agriculteurs de Maïs de Nyanza (COAMANYA) 2904-RWA	2013-2017	\$186,800	Agro-processing (Maize): COAMANYA is a cooperative that produces and processes maize and maize flour. USADF funds will be used to construct a new factory and purchase approved equipment. Once the factory is complete, COAMANYA would like to expand marshland cultivation to another 130 hectares which will directly contribute to an increase of income for over 2,000 persons and promote food security in the area.
Cooperative pour la Promotion des Riziculteurs de Kahi (COOPRORIKA) 2956-RWA	2013-2017	\$193,700	Agro-processing (Rice): COOPRORIKA is a rice cooperative with 590 members in Nyagatare District. The group currently manages the irrigation systems, provides input for collective purchase of agricultural inputs, and primarily produces rice seed which is sold to the Rwanda Agricultural Board for re-sale. Funds will be used to expand their operations by providing a storage facilities and drying yards, working capital for seeds and fertilizer, as well as covering key staff members salaries and basic administrative costs.
Fromagerie Izihirwe 3005-RWA	2014-2018	\$115,300	Agro-processing (Cheese making): Izihirwe is a cheese making cooperative with 18 members in Rutsiro District. Izihirwe was affected by the 1994 genocide and was put out of operations. The association resumed operations in 2005, transformed into a cooperative but has not been fully functional since much of their machinery, cows, and supplies were either stolen or never delivered. Funds will be used to renew their operations by rehabilitating their facilities in accordance with RBS regulations, providing training in governance and financial management, providing working capital, as well as covering key staff members salaries and basic administrative costs.
Coopérative des Agriculteurs de la Pomme de Terre (COAPOM) 3027-RWA	2014-2018	\$151,200	Agricultural Production (Potatoes): COAPOM is a potato growers' cooperative with 69 members located in the Burera District in northern Rwanda. They are an expanding potato seed supplier in their region. USADF funds are being used to build the capacity of the group by providing training in seed preparation and marketing, to purchase of a truck, provide working capital, and to recruit technical staff to increase production.

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Koperative Tuzamurane 3066-RWA	2014-2018	\$178,700	Agro-processing (Pineapple): Tuzamurane is a pineapple growers' cooperative with 133 members, 53% of whom are women, located in the Kirehe District in the Eastern Province. Tuzamurane's focus is to expand its existing infrastructure for pineapple processing, obtain certification with the Rwandan Bureau of Standards and sustain its organic certification. USADF funds are being used to renovate and expand its factory, a truck, generator, processing equipment, and packaging material. Funds are also providing working capital and key staff salaries and basic administrative costs.
Koperative Iterambere Ry'abahinzi Borozi ba Makera (IABM) 3138-RWA	2014-2018	\$235,900	Agro-processing (Maize): IABM is a maize growers' cooperative with 764 members, 499 of whom are women, located in the Muhanga District in the Southern Province. IABM is focused on adding value to their maize; they currently have a warehouse and maize flour factory. This project assists IABM by increasing access to drying facilities, processing equipment, and infrastructure. USADF funds are being used for 3-phase electricity for the maize flour factory, post-harvest processing equipment, constructing 5 modern drying hangars, transportation rental, and working capital to establish a rotating maize purchase fund.
Cooperative pour la Promotion Rizicole - Busoro (COPRORIZ-Busoro) 3211-RWA	2014-2016	\$99,000	Agricultural Production (Rice): COPRORIZ-Busoro is a rice cooperative with 792 members in Nyanza District in the Southern Province. The cooperative's focus is to improve their paddy yield and address challenges in post-harvest technologies and storage. USADF funds help COPRORIZ-Busoro expand production by completing the construction of a 385 metric ton storage facility, threshing and winnowing equipment, the development of an administrative and financial procedures manual and business plan, as well as covering key staff members salaries and basic administrative costs.

